Sent by Bill Dodd, Asst. Director of AML by email on Sept. 15, 2009:

Rodney Ness (221-6870), Burleigh County Highway Superintendent, called at 1:00 to report a sinkhole on 80th Street in the NW1/4 of Section 2, T141N, 79W. The hole is reportedly 6' diameter at the surface and 15-20' deep. It's located 13' east of the centerline of 80th Street. Rodney said the county placed stakes around it.

The adjacent property owner is Warren Opp. I don't believe we have mine maps or documentation for this location, but there is evidence of several coal mines. Bruce Beechie and I investigated the abandoned mines on Opp's property and we filled 19 dangerous sinkholes on it in our 2005 Maintenance Project.

I plan to investigate this report today. It may qualify as an AML emergency.